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**DEPT. COMM. NO. 52**

September 25, 2014

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Speaker and Madame President:

Act 215 Session Laws of Hawaii, 2013, established the Home and Community-Based Services Working Group (HCBS Working Group), which was tasked with reviewing the issues relating to the transition of regulatory authority of certain healthcare services for the elderly from the Department of Human Services to the Department of Health. The HCBS Working Group convened numerous meetings and held subsequent discussions with stakeholders in the home and community-based care services industry in an effort to gather information to make recommendations regarding the issue of regulatory transition.

This report was prepared in accordance with the provisions of Section 1 of Act 215, Session Laws of Hawaii, 2013, and is a culmination of information gathered and discussions held by the HCBS Working Group. The report contains summaries of discussions and presentations conducted by the HCBS Working Group and concludes with the HCBS Working Group's findings and recommendations, including recommendations of areas that may require further discussion or investigation.

Sincerely,

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MELE CARROLL, Chairwoman  
House Committee on Human Services  
State Representative  
House District 13

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SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chairwoman  
Senate Committee on Human Services  
State Senator  
Senate District 13